

NEW YORK.

MEMORIAL

OF

IMPORTERS OF HARDWARE, RESIDING IN THE CITY OF ALBANY.

FEBRUARY 11, 1833.

Read, and laid upon the table.

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of
America in Congress assembled:*

The memorial of the subscribers, citizens of the United States, residing in
the City of Albany,

RESPECTFULLY REPRESENTS:

That your memorialists are importers of hardware, and will in the regular course of their business, be subject to the payment of the duties imposed on various manufactures of iron, by the act entitled "An act to alter and amend the several acts imposing duties on imports," approved the 14th day of July, 1832. That by the operation of the provisions contained in the tenth and twelfth articles of the second section of the said act, as construed by the officers of the customs, they will suffer great delay and damage in the entry and estimation of the duties under the said act, as it will involve the necessity of opening every package, and weighing the several articles which it may contain, to determine whether they are subject to the ad valorem or specific duties. That the great fluctuation in the prices of the manufactures of iron, will render it impossible for the officers of the customs to conform to the provisions of the said act, without a special examination of the weight and value of the articles in every invoice, and a separation of their component parts. Your memorialists ask for no alteration in the rates of duties which they think Congress intended to levy by the said act, but believing that the application of the said provisions will be uncertain in their operation, highly expensive to Government in their execution, and injurious to the interests of your memorialists, they respectfully pray that the said provisions may be explained or repealed.

CIRCULAR:

PHILADELPHIA, *January 19, 1833.*

At a general meeting of the importers of hardware, saddlery, &c., of the city and county of Philadelphia, Caleb P. Wayne was called to the chair, and Frederic Fraley appointed secretary. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare a memorial to Congress, praying that the provisions in the 10th and 12th articles of the second section of the tariff act, approved July 14th, 1832, may be repealed; and that the said committee procure signatures to the memorial, and forward it to Washington, and correspond with the trade in the cities of New York, Boston, and Baltimore, inviting them to co-operate in the application.

The following gentlemen were then appointed the said committee, viz. George M. Justice, William E. Rogers, Robert Earp, Frederic Fraley, and M. M. Maslin.

CALEB P. WAYNE, *Chairman.*FREDERIC FRALEY, *Secretary.*

The undersigned having been appointed by the importers of hardware, &c., a committee to carry into effect the foregoing resolution, in the fulfilment of that duty have prepared the enclosed table, which they respectfully submit to your consideration, and solicit your aid for the attainment of the object which they contemplate. It has been deemed advisable to restrict the application to an explanation or repeal of those provisions of the tariff of 1832, which in their operation would be productive of vexation, damage, and delay in the entry of our goods; to refrain entirely from any expression of opinion on the tariff, as a party question; and to ask only for such an alteration of the law as will render the transaction of our business at the custom-house satisfactory to all parties.

We are, respectfully,

GEO. M. JUSTICE,
ROBT. EARP,
W. E. ROGERS,
M. M. MASLIN,
FREDERIC FRALEY,

} *Committee.*

A TABLE showing the practical operation of the New Tariff on a part of the articles of Hardware, which will be subject to the raw material valuation, under the provisoes contained in the second section of the act approved July 14th, 1832.

	Present Duty in Cents.	Duty under Tariff of 1832, in Cents.	Increase.
Japanned wire halter chains, 21 lbs. per doz. - - - 8s.	dozen - 48	Wire - - 105	120 per cent.
Round bolts, 8 inch, 10 lbs. per doz. - - - 1s. 7d.	do - 9½	Round iron - 30	215 do
Bed screws, 6 inch, 30 lbs. per gross - - - 4s. 4d.	gross - 26	do - 90	250 do
Tinned stirrups, 8 lbs. per doz. - - - 2s. 6d.	dozen - 14	do - 24	75 do
Do mullin or plough bridle bits, 5 lbs. per doz. - - 1s.	do - 6	do - 15	150 do
Do do do do - - - - -	do - 6	Wire - 25	317 do
Trace or plough chains, 8 lbs. per pair - - - 1s. 6d.	pair - 9	do - 24	166 do
Iron squares, 17 lbs. per doz. - - - 3s. 3d.	dozen - 22	Sheet iron - 51	133½ do
Tinned roller buckles, 2 inch, 12 lbs. per gross - - 3s. 9d.	gross - 22	Rod iron - 36	62½ do
Japanned hames, 36 lbs. per doz. - - - 7s.	dozen - 42	do - 108	160 do
Chest locks, 3½ inch, 3 lbs. per doz. - - - 1s. 3d.	do - 7½	Sheet iron - 9	20 do
Till locks, 2½ inch, 2 lbs. per doz. - - - - 8d.	do - 4	do - 6	50 do
Carpenters' hammers, No. 5, 15 lbs. per doz. - - 2s. 9d.	do - 16½	Bar iron - 20	20 do
Brass head tongs and shovels, No. 6, 4 lbs. per pair - 1s. 6d.	do - 9	Round iron - 12	33½ do
Iron head tongs and shovels, No. 8, 4½ lbs. per pair - 10½d.	do - 5	do - 13½	170 do
Thumb latches, No. 5, 7½ lbs. per doz. - - - 10½d.	do - 5	Sheet iron - 23	350 do
Tea trays, 28 inch, 40 lbs. per doz. - - - 15s.	do - 90	do - 120	33½ do
Coal hods, 5 lbs. each - - - - - 1s. 4d.	each - 8	do - 15	87½ do
H hinges, 10 inch, 14 lbs. per dozen - - - 4s.	dozen - 24	do - 42	75 do
Chest hinges, 9 inch, 6 lbs. per doz. - - - 2s.	do - 12½	do - 18	50 do
Table hinges, 1½ inch, 3 lbs. per doz. - - - - 9d.	do - 4½	do - 9	100 do
Tinned skimmers and ladles, 8 lbs. per doz. - - 3s. 3d.	do - 19	do - 24	25 do
Hooks and hinges, bar iron, per cwt. - - - 13s. 6d.	do - 81	Bar iron - 150	85 do
Chest handles, 6 lbs. per doz. No. 2 - - - 9d.	dozen - 4½	Sheet iron - 18	300 do
Curry-combs, 6 lbs. per doz. - - - - 10d.	do - 5	do - 18	250 do

In addition to the articles contained in the above table, there are many in which a slight change in price, or a difference in size, will vary the duty, some paying the ad valorem and others the specific duties in the same invoice.

